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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT IT CANNOT AGREE TO THE NDPC SURVEY BEFORE LATE MAY. THE GERMANS HAVE ASKED THREE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (IN PARA 3, BELOW) WHICH THEY CLEARLY WANT WASHINGTON, AND NOT THE EMBASSY, TO ANSWER. ONLY WHEN THEY HAVE THE ANSWERS WILL THEY AGREE TO DATES FOR THE SURVEY. AS SOON AS WASHINGTON PROVIDES US WITH THE ANSWERS, WE SHALL FORWARD THEM TO THE GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY AND PRESS FOR ITS AGREEMENT TO FIRM DATES FOR THE SURVEY IN LATE MAY. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 23, THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICE OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY (COL. MUENCHEBERG) AGAIN EMPHASIZED TO THE EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR THE FRG  
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TO RECEIVE THE NDPC SECURITY SURVEY TEAM IN THE TIME FRAME OF APRIL 3-7. HE SAID THAT SURVEY TEAM MEMBERS HAD INDICATED TO THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THEY STILL WANTED TO COME TO GERMANY IN APRIL AND THAT THEY WERE NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF A LONGER TIME FRAME FOR THE VISIT -- APRIL 2 THROUGH 13.

2. MUENCHEBERG SAID A VISIT IN EITHER TIME FRAME WOULD BE INCONVENIENT, NOT ONLY FOR THE REASONS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN MENTIONED TO THE EMBASSY (AND REPORTED TO WASHINGTON), BUT BECAUSE SEVERAL KEY DEFENSE MINISTRY SECURITY OFFICIALS WOULD BE IN BRUSSELS ATTENDING A NATO SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 4 AND 5.

3. WHEN WE ASKED MUENCHEBERG ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING MENTIONED IN PARA 5 OF REF (A), HE SAID THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO SUCH MEETING TOOK PLACE.

4. MUENCHEBERG REPEATED THE STATEMENT OF HIS SUPERVISOR, COL. LESSING (REF A), THAT THE FRG WOULD BE WILLING TO AIM FOR A SECURITY SURVEY IN LATE MAY. HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT THE VISIT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE EVEN THEN UNLESS THE DEFENSE MINISTRY COULD RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE US SIDE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE:

(A) A LIST OF ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH THE SURVEY TEAM WISHES TO VISIT;

(B) A LIST OF ALL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHICH THE TEAM WISHES TO VISIT;  
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(C) A LIST OF INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WHICH "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CONVENTIONAL ORDERS" HAVE RECEIVED US CLASSIFIED MATERIAL UNDER THE PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL OF DECEMBER 23, 1960.

#### COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

5. AS INDICATED IN OUR EARLIER REPORTING, THE GERMANS HAVE, FROM THE OUTSET, BEEN EXTREMELY COOL TO THE SURVEY TEAM'S COMING AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. DESPITE THE EMBASSY'S MANY EXPLANATIONS OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE VISIT, THE GERMANS APPARENTLY STILL CONSIDER IT A KIND OF INSPECTION OF THEM IN THE WAKE OF THE LUTZE CASE. THEY SEEM TO FEEL IT IS BEING PRESENTED ALMOST AS A PRECONDITION FOR FURTHER COOPERATION IN CO-PRODUCTION. THIS GERMAN SENSITIVITY SHOULD BE KEPT VERY MUCH IN MIND BY THE SURVEY TEAM MEMBERS BOTH IN PREPARATION FOR, AND DURING, THEIR VISIT.

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6. IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE, THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS BE MADE TO ENSURE A SURVEY TEAM VISIT EARLIER THAN LATE MAY. TO FACILITATE PREPARATION FOR A VISIT AT THAT TIME, WE REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE US, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 ABOVE. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION FOR A COMPLETE ANSWER TO QUESTION (C). QUESTIONS (A) AND (B), BY THEIR VERY NATURE, CAN BE ANSWERED ADEQUATELY ONLY BY THE SURVEY TEAM ITSELF. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS CLEARLY NOT INCLINED TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POINTS (A) AND (B). ALSO, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS WANT TO HEAR WASHINGTON'S THINKING ON THESE POINTS AND NOT THE EMBASSY'S. WE SUSPECT THAT THEY ARE CURIOUS TO KNOW JUST HOW INTRUSIVE WASHINGTON WANTS THE "INSPECTION" TO BE.

7. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE  
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QUESTIONS, WE SHALL FOWARD THEM TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY  
AND PRESS FOR FRG AGREEMENT TO FIRM DATES FOR THE VISIT  
IN LATE MAY. WE REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON LET US  
KNOW (A) HOW MANY DAYS THE SURVEY TEAM WISHES TO SPEND  
IN GERMANY; AND (B) WHAT TIME PERIODS, IF ANY,  
IN LATE MAY-EARLY JUNE, WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR THE  
SURVEY TEAM.  
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